



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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For immediate release

- 1. Technical committee on nutrients to meet July 19 in Ames**
- 2. DNR to hold illegal dumping community forums statewide July 17 and 18**

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON NUTRIENTS TO MEET JULY 19 IN AMES

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AMES -- The Nutrient Science Advisory Committee will meet in Ames July 19 to discuss necessary changes in Iowa's water quality standards.

The meeting will be held in Room 257 of Science I on the Iowa State University campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Committee members will make recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources and ultimately to the Environmental Protection Commission for science-based nutrient criteria in Iowa's lakes and streams.

The Nutrient Science Advisory Committee was formed to provide scientific input on establishing nutrient standards for Iowa lakes. Technical issues scheduled for discussion and input at the upcoming meeting include the draft recommendations for transparency and chlorophyll-a, a pigment in plants that can indicate the amount of algae present in water; the toxicity of cyanobacteria; and the definitions of aquatic life.

The agenda follows:

1. Review June 26 action items related to transparency and chlorophyll-a criteria.
2. Working lunch
3. Initiate draft of recommendations for transparency and chlorophyll-a.

4. Review cyanobacteria toxicity information
5. Discuss aquatic life definitions, descriptions
6. Review of action items and future meeting schedule.

The meeting is open to the public for observation. The DNR will accept public comments at a later date when lake nutrient standards are proposed by the Environmental Protection Commission.

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DNR TO HOLD ILLEGAL DUMPING COMMUNITY FORUMS STATEWIDE JULY 17 AND 18

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DES MOINES – The DNR will host three public forums across the state to discuss issues related to illegal dumping prevention and clean-up on July 17 and 18.

The public is encouraged to attend the forums and give testimonials, presentations and comments regarding illegal dumping and its impacts in Iowa. Information provided will be used to help build a new resource management policy and legislative proposal for Iowa.

Forum locations include:

July 17, 2007

Des Moines: 10:00 a.m. to noon; fourth floor conference rooms at Wallace State Office Building, 502 E 9th St.

Cedar Rapids: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library, 30 16th Ave SW

July 18, 2007

Iowans can attend one meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the following sites via the Iowa Communications Network:

ALBIA

Albia High School, Room Number 302, 503 B Avenue East

ATLANTIC

Atlantic Middle School, Room Number 109, 1100 Linn St

BURLINGTON

Great River Area Education Agency, 3601 West Avenue

CARROLL

DMACC - Carroll Campus, Room Number 144, 906 North Grant Road

DAVENPORT

Eastern Iowa Community College, Room Number 300, Kahl Educational Center, 326 West 3rd Street

DUBUQUE

University of Dubuque, Room Number T201, Jackaline Baldwin Dunlap Technology Center, 2000 University Avenue

MASON CITY

North Iowa Area Community College, Room Number 106, Activity Center, 500 College Dr.

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